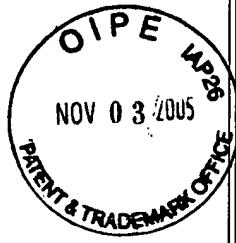


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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated September 30, 2005, a reply to which is due by October 30, 2005. Because October 30, 2005 was a Sunday, the Response to Restriction Requirement is timely filed on Monday, October 31, 2005.